

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nickie Lancaster upon being the first recipient of the Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who have given unselfishly of their time and talents to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Nickie Lancaster who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Hermitage community, Mrs. Lancaster was recently honored as the first recipient of the Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award presented by Easter Seals Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a polio survivor, Nickie Lancaster founded Polio Heroes of Tennessee in 1987 through the auspices of Easter Seals Tennessee; the program, which she continues to coordinate today, serves to educate the medical community about polio and post-polio; and

WHEREAS, the Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award honors the late Buddy Killen, who helped shape Nashville's business community through his leadership in the music industry; an ardent volunteer, Mr. Killen was named Nashvillian of the Year in 2005 and chaired the Board of Directors for Easter Seals until his death in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving the Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award, Mrs. Lancaster received the 1998 State of Tennessee Disability Person of the Year Award, the Governor's Trophy for Employment of Persons with Disabilities, and the Tennessean Volunteer Hero Award from WMSV-TV Channel 4; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, she spoke at the International Polio Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, and in 2005, she was named to a twelve-member International Post-Polio Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Nickie Lancaster graduated from the Nashville General Hospital School of Nursing in 1962, and worked assiduously in the medical community for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Alan Lancaster, Sr., their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Nickie Lancaster epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans and her significant contributions to her fellow citizens should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and commend Nickie Lancaster upon being the first recipient of the Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award and for her exceptional service to the people of Tennessee, as we salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.